

**Question for written answer E-002704/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Calabria 2007-2013 regional operational programme – Prometeo project

In 2011, Cosenza Provincial Health Authority applied for and received EU funding under the Calabria/ERDF Regional Operational Programme, Axis II – Energy, line of action 2.1.1.1, for the construction of a concentrated solar thermal energy plant – within the framework of the Prometeo Project – to generate heat and electricity for the hospital in Cetraro.

Initially the solar dishes were to be installed on the roof of the hospital building. During the construction phase, however, plans changed and it was decided that the dishes would be placed on the ground instead, on a roughly 3 000 square metre piece of land owned by the local health authority and adjacent to the hospital.

Building, landscape and seismic permits would have been required to carry out that part of the plan but, according to local press reports¹, no one ever applied for them. For this reason, among others, in 2017, the Court of Paola ordered that the plant be seized as a preventive measure.

The plant is now in a state of total disrepair, without ever having been used.

In the light of the above:

Is the Commission aware of this project?

What measures have been or will be taken in this connection?

Which and how many plants were financed under the same axis and which of them are actually being used?

¹ <https://www.corrieredellacalabria.it/2021/05/18/cetraro-impianto-solare-inutilizzabile-a-servizio-dellospedale-segnalati-3-soggetti-foto/>